

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 - 14 are pending in the present application, of which claims 5 and 11 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 8, and 10 have been amended and withdrawn claims 5 and 11 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1, 6, 7, 8 and 10 stand objected to due to the specific reasons set forth in item 1 of the Action. However, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 6, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

In addition, although the Examiner did not suggest amending line 6 of claim 1 to include the term "lower" between "the" and "conductive portion," such amendment has been made since it is deemed appropriate.

In addition, withdrawn claims 5 and 11 have been canceled. Therefore, it is submitted that all the remaining pending claims 1, 2, 4, 6 - 10, 12, 13 and 14 are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

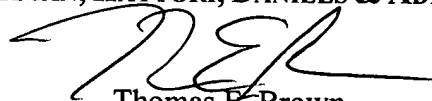
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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